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Collector's Report,

FOR YEAR 1883.

To the tax payers of the Town of Gilmanton: I hereby submit my annual report as Collector:

Whole amount of taxes committed to me for collection,	\$13,127 83
" amount collected and paid to treasurer,.....	13,127 83
I have received in abatements.....	\$53 10
In above abatements there was overtax.....	13 37
Actual abatement.....	\$39 73
Collected interest of different individuals to the am't of	\$27 66

For the fourth time I return my thanks for the prompt manner in which you have paid your taxes. You must be satisfied with the above statement, and agree that a prompt settlement of all taxes within the year is the only successful method; and the reduction of indebtedness, as shown by the Treasurer's report, is conclusive proof that, if you continue in thus well doing, you will soon have the satisfaction of seeing the town once more free from debt.

JOSIAH S. GOODWIN, Collector.

Treasurer's Report.

John Connell, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Gilman-
ton.

1883.

Mar. 1	To cash in hands of Treasurer.....	\$4,020 43
10	rec'd of H. M. Connor, for his note,	8 31
23	hired of S. S. Young.....	60 00
23	hired of M. A. Lougee.....	200 00
April 14	hired of Frank Leach.....	331 92
26	rec'd of the Town of Effingham....	66 50
30	received of S. A. Taylor.....	25
May 5	received of the County.....	17 75
June 23	hired of M. R. Lougee.....	50 00
25	hired of R. M. Gray.....	300 00
30	hired of M. A. Lamprey	300 00
July 4	hired of H. Buswell.....	225 00
Sept. 28	hired of F. Leach.....	20 00
Oct. 8	hired of J. Watson.....	350 00
Dec. 27	received of the State for R. R. tax	53 41
"	" " S. Bank tax	960 81
"	rec'd. of the State for Literary fund,	166 77
"	rec'd. of State for bounties on crows,	61 10
29	rec'd. of J. M. Currier for tax that had been abated....	3 01

1884.

Jan. 5	hired of Willie A. Dodge.....	80 00
Feb. 23	received of the County.....	58 57

Feb. 28	rec'd. of J. S. Goodwin, col. for '83,	\$13,127 83
"	" " " " '79,	38 97

\$20,500 63

By paid outstanding orders and interest:

Mar. 8	J. Lougee, order in part.....	\$8 27
16	F. E. Edgerly, interest on three orders.....	26 51
23	J. R. Mudgett, order and interest in full....	156 29
27	L. Pickering, order in part....	25 00
29	F. J. Page, " and interest full.....	183 22
Apr. 13	J. A. Edgerly, " part....	12 00
13	H. Edgerly, " part....	6 00
13	J. Price, " part....	224 96
14	J. P. Clough, " part....	40 00
14	J. P. Clough, " part....	351 85
14	J. P. Clough, " and interest full.....	108 15
14	M. J. Tibbetts, " " full.....	246 28
14	M. J. Tibbetts, " " full.....	114 43
14	C. F. Merrill, " part....	11 46
14	M. O. Merrill, " part....	19 81
14	J. L. Kimball, " part....	6 87
14	A. P. Kimball, " part....	7 33
14	F. L. Leach, six " full.....	295 80
14	D. Connell, three orders part....	74 00
24	J. S. Goodwin, order part....	40 76
24	J. Connell, " part....	40 00
24	J. S. Goodwin, " part....	418 96
28	Geo. W. Parsons, part....	25 00
28	S. M. Gale, " and interes full.....	365 91
28	S. M. Gale, " " full.....	15 14
May 4	E. Hill, " part....	15 00
9	R. Lougee, " part....	20 00
15	M. J. Potter, " part....	16 00
17	S. A. Cotton, interest on four orders.....	19 00
18	Ira Shannon, order in part.....	36 56

May	23	Polly E. Allen, order in full.....	\$ 8 00
Jan.	9	A. R. Page, order in part.....	15 39
	14	C. F. Potter, order in part.....	4 00
	18	A. T. Page, order in part.....	16 00
	19	E. T. Gilman, two orders in part.....	32 73
	20	M. W. Clough, order and interest in full....	141 40
	21	P. V. Kendall, " part....	9 34
	22	L. D. Blake, " part....	10 00
	29	M. P. Varney, " part....	20 00
	30	M. J. Tebbetts, " and interest full.....	131 59
July	2	H. W. Peaslee, " part....	15 00
	2	A. T. Page, " part....	50 00
	3	O. J. Edgerly, " part....	100 00
	9	Thomas Cogswell, guardian order in part....	30 00
Aug.	6	F. Leach, order in part....	50 00
	13	L. Pickering, " part....	8 27
	25	L. F. Edgerly " part....	14 70
	28	C. J. Edgerly, " full....	6 36
	28	C. J. Edgerly, " full....	5 68
Sept.	14	A. E. Sanborn, " part....	20 00
	23	A. P. Ross, " part....	15 00
	28	F. Leach, " part....	13 00
	29	Ira Shannon, " part....	50 00
Oct.	1	Thos. Cogswell, guardian. part....	30 00
	8	A. T. Page, bal., order in full.....	51 92
	8	J. Conuell, " part....	230 00
Oct.	9	F. S. Edgerly, " part....	3 20
	22	L. A. Hussey " part....	16 14
	22	L. A. Hussey, " part....	13 43
Nov.	2	A. W. Lougee, " part....	11 00
	3	M. W. Clough, " part....	22 60
	8	S. D. Nutter, " part....	4 00
	20	M. J. Potter, " and interest in full....	408 22
	22	J. T. Gitman, " part....	7 53
	22	J. T. Gilman, " part....	8 00

Nov. 22	J. T. Gilman, order	part....	\$ 100 00
26	D. Connell, "	part....	400 00
30	A. P. Ross, "	part....	3 00
Dec. 1	Ira Shannon, "	part....	50 00
5	A. E. Sanborn, " and interest	full....	504 89
5	C. Varney, "	part....	39 22
5	M. J. Potter, "	part....	20 00

1884.

Jan. 1	Thos. Gogswell, guardian order in	part....	27 00
3	E. H. W. Ross, order	in part....	2 25
8	M. A. Lougee, " and interest	full....	544 31
10	F. Leach, "	part....	120 00
21	S. B. F. Mudgett, and interest	full....	68 68
21	S. L. Mudgett, "	part....	15 00
26	B. Hussey, " and interest	full....	595 44
Feb. 4	B. Hussey, " "	full....	137 03
4	B. Hussey, " "	full....	132 17
4	B. Hussey, " "	full....	109 00
4	B. Hussey, " "	full....	75 33
5	L. Pickering, "	part....	10 00
Feb. 12	Geo. W. Parsons,	part....	25 00
21	J. Lougee, "	part....	8 27
26	The several religious societies order in	full	25 06
By Paid	Wm. F. Knight, County tax.....		1,869 89
	S. A. Carter, State tax.....		1,244 00
	The several school districts..		1,234 81

\$11,744 65

Miscellaneous.

1883.

Paid	C. H. Glidden, for books furnished indigent school children.....	\$4 69
	J. S. Trask, use of watering trough in 1882....	3 00
	E. S. Mudgett, use of watering trough, 1882....	3 00
	R. M. Gray, returning births and deaths, 1882..	1 25

Paid	D. Beede, labor on town hall in 1882-3.....	\$ 6 00
	S. A. Taylor, returning births and deaths in '82,	3 75
	C. E. Marsh, printing blank town orders in '83,	2 50
	J. B. Sanborn, blank.....	6 00
	Lewis, Vaughan & Co., printing town reports and agents' blanks in 1883.....	42 25
	I. C. Marsh, board of Selectmen, and horse- keeping, 1883.....	2 00
	W. A. Bucklin, returning births and deaths, '82,	1 00
	H. Edgerly, decorating soldiers' graves in 1883,	25 00
	A. P. Munsey, use of watering trough, 1883....	3 00
	J. Ellsworth, " " " ...	3 00
	M. C. Lamprey, " " "	3 00
	G. W. Parsons, copying invoice, '83.....	8 00
	D. L. Guernsey, record book, '83.....	3 75
	A. F. Munsey, dinners for Selectmen, and horse baiting, 1883.....	3 00
	R. M. Gray, returning births and deaths, 1883..	1 00
	Geo. C. Prescott, use of watering trough, 1883..	3 00
	J. Connell, money paid as bounty on crows from March 4 to July 14, 1884.....	25 80
	J. Connell, money paid as bounties on wood- chucks in 1883.....	1 40
	Thos. Cogswell, one day's attendance on road case, and advice in tax and pauper case.....	15 00
	Thos. Cogswell, services on accident on road of Mrs. Rollins, and attending post mortem....	10 00
	C. H. Connell, for board of town officers, horse baiting and room rent.....	58 00
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		\$238 39

Roads and Bridges.

Paid	R. M. Bickford, for labor and lumber furnished in 1882.....	\$7 13
	G. W. Plummer, damage to sleigh in 1883.....	7 13

Paid	C. F. Sargent, lumber for bridge in '83.....	3 50
	C. Nutter, labor on bridge, '83.....	1 50
	J. W. Merrill, labor on bridge, '83.....	1 50
	Geo. W. Parsons, labor and material on bridge.....	7 67
	C. O. Stockbridge, labor and material on bridge.....	16 06
	D. Cook, bridge plank, '83.....	7 46
	J. T. Watson, labor on highway, '83.....	5 25
	J. R. Munsey, " ".....	5 77
	C. E. Plummer, " ".....	6 00
	N. Pulsifer, " ".....	1 25
	C. Lamprey, " ".....	2 50
	G. W. Parsons, labor and lumber for bridge on Merrill hill.....	3 50
	J. F. Page, labor on highway, '82.....	90
	D. N. Page, " ".....	2 40
	G. W. Parsons, guide board post and setting, '83.....	2 50
	A. D. Lock, painting guide boards, '83.....	2 43
	H. E. Marsh, examining highway, '83.....	2 00
	A. V. Jenkins, bridge plank, '83.....	7 38
	C. Varney, labor and material on highway, '83.....	21 68
	C. A. Paige, guide post, '83.....	1 00
	J. Brown, bridge plank and nails, '83.....	11 29
	E. A. Paige, nails for Natt's bridge so-called, '83.....	4 25
	J. D. Merrill, labor on highway, '83.....	1 87
	C. A. Hatch, " ".....	7 56
	S. E. Everleth, damage to plow.....	1 00
	C. R. Mason, damage to horse on highway.....	25 00
	True F. Osborn, labor on highway, '83.....	2 00
	Geo. H. Greenough labor and lumber, '83.....	15 84
	J. M. Currier, labor and lumber, '79.....	5 51
	T. B. Lane, damage to plow, '83.....	70
	C. G. Kelley, " ".....	1 00
	M. C. Lamprey, labor on highway, '83.....	2 50
	M. C. Lamprey, for guide boards, posts and settings.....	3 20

Paid	M. C. Lamprey, money paid A. D. Lock for painting guide boards.....	\$ 1 00
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		\$194 60

Breaking Roads in Winter of 1882 and 1883.

Paid	R. M. Bickford	3 95
	J. S. Goodwin, bal. for expense breaking roads in winter of 1882 and 1883.....	2,361 58
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		\$2,365 53

Abatements.

Paid	Thos. Cogswell, for loss of two steers and one horse in 1882.....	\$2 27
	R. W. Page, overtax on land, '82.....	9 08
	C. Gilman, loss of dog, '82.....	1 00
	A. W. Smith, loss of dog, '82.....	1 00
	C. J. Brown, abatement of taxes, '82.....	4 31
	E. G. Clough, loss of dog, '83.....	1 00
	G. A. Jones, loss of female dog, '83.....	2 00
	C. A. Roberts, overtax on poll, '83.....	2 37
	D. Allen, abatement of tax, '83.....	3 79
	O. Marsh, " ".....	56
	D. Lougee, " ".....	11 38
	C. G. Sanborn, loss of female dog, '83.....	2 00
	W. Sydney, " ".....	2 00
	R. M. Gray, over tax, '83.....	2 13
	A. M. Clough, loss of horse, '83.....	1 42
	H. Chapman, over tax, '83.....	1 00
	D. Downs, Est., abatement of tax, '83.....	1 19
	M. E. Sargent, loss of dog....	1 00
	E. P. Ellsworth, loss of cow, '83.....	66
	J. M. Currier, loss of cow, '82.....	59
	J. Ellsworth, loss of horse, '82.....	1 27
	E. P. Ellsworth, loss of dog, '83.....	1 00

Paid	E. S. Mudgett, loss of horse, '82.....	\$ 50
	R. D. Varney, loss of cow, '82.....	57
	D. Connell, loss of dog, '83.....	1 00
	D. Elkins, loss of dog, '83.....	1 00
	M. E. Canney, loss of female dog, '83.....	2 00
	M. E. Canney, loss of horse, '83.....	94
	C. Varney, for loss of horse, '83....	95
	J. D. Merrill, loss of dog, '83....	1 00
	L. A. Hill, loss of horse, '82.....	45
	J. Brown, over tax, '83.....	1 19
	E. A. Sargent, over tax in '82 and '83.....	1 11
	T. F. Osborn, loss of dog, '82....	1 00
	A. W. Jenkins, loss of dog in '83.....	1 00
	A. Rollins, abatement of taxes, '83.....	2 74
	J. S. French, loss of cow, '82.....	45
	C. J. Brown, abatement of poll tax, '83.....	2 37
	C. Gilman, over tax, '82.....	2 71
	H. T. Gilman, ox lost, '83.....	1 30
	S. T. Haynes, abatement of poll tax, '83.....	2 37
	E. Hale, abatement of poll tax, '83.....	2 37
	J. Buswell, abatement of poll tax, '82.....	49
	J. W. Page, collector for 1879, abatement of taxes.....	24 81
	N. Pulsifer, loss of dog, '83.....	1 00
	E. A. Cilley, abatement of poll tax.....	2 37
	C. G. Kelley, abatement of taxes on horse lost,	94
	J. Young, abatement of female dog lost, '83....	2 00
	C. J. Brown, abatement of taxes, '83....	2 90
	S. G. Edgerly Est., abatement of taxes, '83.....	9 48
	W. M. Smith, abatement of poll tax, '83.....	2 37
	J. S. Goodwin, abatement of highway taxes of 1882, worked by S. Page, \$1 90; M. F. Page, \$1 87, and E. Hale, \$1 78.....	5 55
	J. S. Goodwin, Col., highway taxes abated,	2 50
	J. S. Goodwin, Col., non-resident highway tax worked.....	17 88
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		\$147 73

Poor of Town.

Paid	S. A. Taylor, for medical aid to Mrs. Morse Dockham.....	\$1 50
	Town of Wentworth, for board and care of J. F. Sanborn.....	72 57
	J. Connell, for morphine furnished, Mrs. M. Dockham.....	19 50
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		\$93 57

Poor Chargeable to other Towns.

Paid	I. A. Downs, for aid to Mrs. Addie Brown and child.....	\$28 50
	S. A. Taylor, medical aid to Mrs. Addie Brown,	27 00
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		\$55 50

Poor Chargeable to the County.

Paid	R. W. Page, for aid to Eliza Burleigh.....	58 57
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School House Tax.

Paid	District No. 17.....	\$60 00
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Damage done Domestic Animals.

Paid	D. Elkins, order.....	\$3 76
	C. G. Kelley, order.....	8 46
	R. L. Page, order.....	3 76
	J. T. Griffin, order.....	7 52
	C. W. Hackett, order.....	30 08
	J. H. Drew, order.....	8 46
	J. A. Maxfield, order.....	2 82
	J. R. Sawyer, order.....	18 80
	N. Pulsifer, order.....	3 76
	C. E. Plummer, order.....	3 76
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		\$91 18

Town Officers.

Paid C. H. Glidden, for services as S. S. committee in 1882.....	\$75 00
J. S. Page and C. F. Sargent, for services as auditors for 1882.....	4 00
Geo. W. Sanborn, for services as moderator in 1882-3	6 00
T. S. Dudley, for services as supervisor in 1882	6 00
J. W. Page, bal. due as collector in full, year '79	2 60
Thos. Cogswell, bal. for services as selectman in full, for the year 1882.....	3 00
H. Page, for services as clerk in full, for the year 1883.....	42 00
J. Connell, for services as treasurer in full, for the year 1883..	60 00
J. W. Ham, for services as selectman in town year ending March 1, 1884.....	60 00
J. W. Ham, for services as selectman and expenses out town year ending March 1, 1884..	10 00
M. C. Lamprey, for services as selectman in town year ending March 1, 1884	60 00
M. C. Lamprey, for services as selectman and expenses out of town in 1884.....	7 50
Geo. W. Parsons, for services as selectman for the year ending March 1, 1884.	60 00
J. S. Goodwin, for services as collector in 1883,..	150 00
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	\$546 10

Recapitulation.

To amount charged to treasurer by selectmen	\$20,500 63
Paid outstanding orders and interest	\$7,395 95
current expenses, miscellaneous.....	238 39
" " roads and bridges....	194 60
" " abatements.....	148 73
" " poor of town.....	93 57

Liabilities of the Town.

Geo. M. Bunker, order for \$20 00 Int. due March 1, 1884,	\$ 8 19
Betsey Hussey, " 50 00	4 26
C. H. Tebbetts, two " 542 60	36 47
J. Connell, " 1000 00	30 00
J P. Clough, two " 1693 55	59 83
R. W. Clough, " 135 00	4 77
C. F. Merrill, bal. " 200 00	7 07
M. O. Merrill, " 362 10	12 79
M. J. Tebbetts, " 619 58	46 67
N. Hodgdon, " 100 00	5 37
A. P. Kimball, " 183 33	6 48
J. L. Kimball, " 171 72	6 07
O. E. Moulton, bal " 53 39	23 26
A. V. Edgerly, bal. " 621 22	73 57
A. R. Page, " 384 77	13 59
H. S. Page, " 222 77	16 78
A. T. Page, two " 480 00	24 12
J. A. Edgerly, " 300 00	10 60
H. Edgerly, " 150 00	5 30
J. S. Goodwin, bal. " 600 00	21 71
E. T. Gilman, " 159 17	5 62
J. T. Gilman, bal. " 88 40	5 56
Chas. Varney, bal. " 1000 00	8 88
G. W. Parsons, bal. " 181 43	17 21
M. E. Nelson, " 8 00	1 88
D. Connell, bal. " 700 00	38 02
W. A. Dodge, " 60 00	4 00

J. H. Beck, order for	\$ 5 77	Int. due March 1, 1883,	\$ 1 45
S. C. Beck, "	5 77	"	1 45
J. Young, bal. "	939 72	"	37 59
W. L. Jenkins, "	11 14	"	2 60
M. L. Dow, "	82 47	"	19 40
L. T. Edgerly, "	367 60	"	12 99
E. Holbrook, bal. "	110 47	"	8 84
L. D. Blake, "	8 99	"	
S. S. Young, three "	445 17	"	45 24
R. Lougee, "	500 00	"	16 22
E. T. Gilman, "	100 00	"	3 22
M. P. Varney, "	100 00	"	3 22
H. Carr, two "	600 00	"	38 57
P. V. Kendall, "	233 41	"	8 25
S. D. Nutter, "	100 00	"	2 84
C. F. Potter, "	100 00	"	2 85
F. S. Edgerly, bal. "	40 00	"	1 86
F. Leach, four "	656 92	"	
S. A. Cotton, six "	665 00	"	28 93
M. F. Page, "	50 00	"	4 17
A. F. Lougee, "	65 00	"	13 14
J. Connell, "	250 62	"	8 88
J. Price, balance "	424 00	"	14 93
D. G. Edgerly, "	300 00	"	28 10
A. W. Lougee, bal. "	348 67	"	
A. T. Page, "	100 00	"	4 47
E. Hill, "	500 00	"	34 79
D. H. Merrill, "	75 00	"	10 28
O. J. Edgerly, bal. "	1392 87	"	67 73
Fred E. Edgerly, 3 "	382 18	"	22 50
E. H. Weare, bal. "	30 00	"	6 08
E. T. Gilman, agent,			
balance order for	5 41	"	75
J. Lougee, "	206 75	"	6 37
Bearer, "	417 81	"	20 74

J. M. Connell,	"	250 00	"	\$ 17 94
D. Connell,	"	500 00	"	15 89
G. S. Stockbridge,	"	5 00	"	53
C. O. Stockbridge,	"	25 00	"	2 57
J. T. Gilman,	"	200 00	"	8 62
M. A. Hurd,	"	300 00	"	15 43
M. A. Lougee, treasurer,				
two orders for		138 00	"	16 31
M. M. Lougee,	"	40 00	"	3 52
M. Nelson,	"	200 00	"	16 50
L. Pickering, bal.	"	16 37	"	
E. E. Stockbridge, 2	"	10 00	"	1 39
C. H. Tebbetts, guard-				
ian, two orders for		210 00	"	15 56
A. S. Tebbetts, order for		100 00	"	7 41
D. G. Allen,	"	10 00	"	74
L. A. Hussey, two	"	425 68	"	9 54
A. N. Parsons, " "		200 00	"	13 77
C. F. Moulton, " "		11 06	"	1 39
C. S. Page, adm'r. bal. or-				
der for		60 00	"	18 09
Thos. Cogswell, guard. bal.				
order for		1,021 00		
J. E. Osgood, order for		100 00	"	5 30
M. R. Lougee, two	"	115 00	"	4 44
H. W. Peaslee, " "		500 00	"	11 25
S. L. Mudgett,	"	500 00	"	8 42
A. P. Ross, two	"	600 00	"	11 09
J. W. Ham,	"	100 00	"	4 08
C. B. Ham,	"	70 00	"	2 78
E. H. W. Ross,	"	75 00	"	56
M. J. Potter,	"	500 00	"	4 94
I. F. Connell,	"	40 00	"	1 28
M. A. Lougee, four	"	416 00	"	28 70
R. M. Gray,	"	300 00	"	6 02
M. A. Lamprey,	"	300 00	"	6 02

H. Buswell,	"	225 00	"	\$ 4 44
J. Watson,	"	325 00	"	3 87
Ira Shannon,	"	750 94	"	5 25
W. A. Dodge, five	"	257 00	"	17 88
Geo. W. Sanborn,	"	1 61		
J. E. Osgood,	"	21 50		
Town of Barnstead,		21 89		
E. T. Gilman,		1 00		
M. Beck,		1 00		
H. E. Marsh,	"	5 64		

\$28,655.88

\$1,302.77

Amount of outstanding orders, March 1, 1884.

\$28,655.88

Interest due on the same, March 1, 1884,

1,302.77

Total indebtedness.

\$29,958.65

Taxes Abated Last Year.

1879, John W. Page's list.....	\$24 81
1882, Reuben W. Page, overtax.....	9 08
Chas. J. Brown.....	4 31
J. S. French, cow lost.....	45
L. A. Hill, horse lost.....	45
E. A. Sargent, over tax.....	54
Cyrus Gilman, overtax.	2 71
Jonathan Buswell.....	49
John M. Currier, cow lost.....	59
Richard D. Varney, cow lost.....	59
Jeremiah Ellsworth, horse lost.....	1 27
E. S. Mudgett, horse lost.....	90
A. McGregor, highway tax.....	35
H. M. Shaw, highway tax.....	50
S. Smith, highway tax.....	75
Levi W. Towle.....	90
1883, R. M. Gray, over tax.....	2 13
R. M. Gray, over tax highway.....	45

1883, E. P. Ellsworth; cow lost.....	\$ 66
Daniel Lougee.....	11 38
Chas. A. Robers, over tax.....	2 37
Dudley Allen.....	3 79
Olive Marsh.....	56
Ann M. Clough, horse lost.....	1 42
Cyrus Varney, horse lost....	95
Jonathan Brown, over tax.....	1 19
E. A. Sargent, over tax.....	57
H. T. Gilman, ox lost.....	1 30
Elijah Hale, over tax.....	2 37
S. T. Haynes, over tax.....	2 37
C. J. Brown, poll tax....	2 37
Warren M. Smith, over tax.....	2 37
C. J. Brown.....	2 90
S. G. Edgerley's est.....	9 48
E. A. Cilley, poll tax....	2 37
C. G. Kelley, horse lost.....	94
G. W. Sanbern, ox lost.....	1 61
Alonzo Rollins.....	2 74
Daniel Down's est.....	1 19

Assets of the Town.

Balance in hands of treasurer.....	\$4,904 81
Two notes in favor of town.....	51 52
Due from J. Brown collector for 1874.....	31 10
“ M. S. Gale, “ “ 1878.....	93 08
“ J. S. Goodwin “ “ 1879.....	43 68
“ the state for bounties paid.....	1 40
Land purchased for town.....	100 00
Land purchased for taxes assessed in 1879....	224 20 \$5,449 79

\$24,408 86

Indebtedness over means March 1, 1883.....	\$29,634 96
“ “ “ “ “ 1884.....	24,408 86

Reduction of the debt the last year.....	\$5,226 10
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JOHN W. HAM,	} Selectmen of Gilmanton.
MADISON C. LAMPREY,	
GEORGE W. PARSONS,	

JOHN S. PAGE,	} Auditors.
GEORGE W. ADAMS,	

NOTE.—The amount of money received from dog tax in the hands of treasurer is \$95.00 and is not included in the list of liabilities.

SCHOOL REPORT.



During the past year there have been twenty-eight terms of school in town, taught by twenty different teachers, two males and eighteen females. Whole number of different scholars attending school during the year, 318—boys, 167, girls, 151. Whole number of different scholars attending to the following studies: Reading, 286; spelling, 285; penmanship, 195; arithmetic, 226; geography, 122; grammar, 74; history, 12; composition, 26; vocal music, 27; physiology, 1; book-keeping, 17; algebra, 17; drawing, 5; natural philosophy, 2. Whole number of weeks taught by male teachers, 37; female teachers, 224. Average wages of male teachers per month, including board, \$22.33; female teachers, \$18.54.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Prudential Committee, Geo. W. Parsons. Summer term of seven weeks, taught by Miss Nettie F. Griffin. This teacher has had but little experience. Her work was well and conscientiously done. The scholars were interested in their studies; the teacher, in scholars and their studies. A profitable term to all concerned. Whole number of scholars, 16; average number, 14. Wages of teacher per month, \$15.

Second term of eight weeks, taught by Miss Emma F. Clarke. The school this term was large and well advanced. Reading received more attention than is customary in district schools. The "blanks" of the class in book-keeping were models of neatness and accuracy. From the primer to the most advanced class the answers were correct and wonderfully prompt; **hardly an incorrect statement** on any point during the examination. **The term was complete in**

all its parts. Whole number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 18. Wages of teacher per month, \$23.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential committee, Joshua Colby. One term of twelve weeks, taught by Miss Carrie M. Edgerly. Miss Edgerly has taught several terms in this district, which fact shows the value of Miss Edgerly's abilities in the estimation of the district. The results of the last term prove that her abilities have not been over-rated. Her quiet and winning ways enabled her to gain absolute control over her scholars. Her comprehensive methods give her scholars clear and discriminating knowledge of their studies. The district will do well to secure her services in the future. Whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 15. Wages of teacher per month, \$23.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, A. R. Page. First term of five and second term of nine weeks, taught by Miss Charlotte J. Lewis, a graduate of Concord High School, and a teacher of experience. The methods of this teacher are of an advanced order. Patient, persevering, and untiring in her labor. She did for the school all that was possible for a teacher to do, but some failed to profit by her instruction. Whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 10. Wages of teacher per month, summer, \$16; winter, \$18.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee, Alvah Griffin. One term of twelve weeks, taught by Miss Nettie F. Griffin. The teacher labored hard for the welfare of the school, but experienced difficulty in governing some of the older scholars. Certain scholars seemed determined to spoil the term's work. The smaller scholars made some advancement. Whole number of scholars, 17; average attendance, 16. Wages of teacher per month, \$16.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee, John S. Osborne. Summer term of six weeks, taught by Miss C. L. Brown. The conveniences and

beautiful surroundings of this school-house are efficient aids to the scholars in acquiring their education. The teacher labored hard for the school, and her efforts were fully appreciated; the scholars labored in turn. Nothing but good results could follow. Under Miss Brown's skillful instruction, the rhetorical exercises were the finest in town. Whole number of scholars, 17; average attendance, 17. Wages of teacher per month, \$17.

Second term of nine and eight-tenths weeks, taught by Mr. Frank C. Page. We find here a successful teacher. As a whole the school is well advanced and eager to improve every opportunity. Mr. Page spared no pains to make his school equal to any in town, and his efforts were successful. The scholars showed their appreciation of the teacher at the close of the term by the presentation of beautiful presents. Whole number of scholars, 25; average attendance, 22. Wages of teacher per month, \$20.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Prudential Committee, Mrs. Carrie S. Jenkins. One term of thirteen weeks, taught by Mr. Frank C. Page. The teacher's first school; a pleasant term, pleasant to visitors, pleasant to scholars, pleasant to the teacher. Perfect order, with no feeling of restraint. The scholars had a clearly defined idea of the object of school, and all parties labored to carry out that idea. Mr. Page is a thorough scholar, and fitted by nature for a teacher. Whole number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 11. Wages of teacher per month, \$20.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Prudential Committee, Frank D. Young. One term of eight weeks, taught by Miss Carrie M. Sargent. Good work done by both scholars and teacher. Advancement good; exactness in recitation and explanation very noticeable. The class in primary arithmetic needs especial commendation. Whole number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 12. Wages of teacher per month, \$18.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Prudential Committee, E. S. Mudgett. Summer term of six weeks, taught by Miss Minnie Price. This was the teacher's first attempt at teaching. In the matter of education she is one of the best qualified among the teachers for the year. Her explanations are clear, and her instruction is presented in an attractive form. The discipline was hardly up to the standard; otherwise the school was a good one. Whole number of scholars, 13, average number, 13. Wages of teacher per month, \$8.

Winter term of ten weeks, taught by Miss M. Lizzie Whittemore. With one exception, the most experienced teacher in town. Miss Whittemore has had charge of this school several terms, in years past, and the committee showed good judgement in selecting her to take the school again. A pains-taking teacher in every respect, she aroused a great interest for work in her scholars. A quiet, interested, hard-working school. A large number of visitors were present at the close of the term, many of whom attested their appreciation of Miss Whittemore's worth, both in the past and present. Whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 14. Wages of teacher per month, \$16.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Prudential Committee, R. A. Knowles. Summer term of eleven weeks, taught by Miss Carrie E. Moore. This is a large school of small scholars, requiring a teacher of tact and energy to make it profitable. By reason of an inspired respect for the teacher, and an awakened interest for study, the punctuality and regularity of attendance for this term were remarkable. Under the skillful, energetic, and patient management of this teacher the term was an unusually successful one. All branches were well taught, more especially reading and grammar; and, what is of more value to children, discipline, habits of order, neatness and respect, were well exemplified, and made the foundation of the school. Whole number of scholars, 32; average attendance, 30. Wages of teacher per month, \$20.

Winter term of fourteen weeks, taught by Mr. C. H. Brock.

Mr. Brock is a teacher of but little experience. Lack of discipline and want of thoroughness were very marked. Whole number of scholars, 32; average attendance, 22. Wages of teacher per month, \$28.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Prudential Committee, S. E. Everleth. Summer term of eight weeks, taught by Miss Annie B. Dimick. This was the teacher's first school; had she been more regular in her attendance, and given attention to school alone, the term's result would have been more beneficial to the scholars. Whole number of scholars, 6; average attendance, 5. Wages of teacher per month, \$6.

Second term of ten weeks, taught by Miss Minnie Price. A small school of small scholars, but under Miss Price's management very interesting and profitable. Order faultless; promptness and thoroughness characterized the recitations. Whole number of scholars, 8; average attendance, 8. Wages of teacher per month, \$14.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Prudential Committee, Royal L. Paige. Summer term of seven weeks, taught by Miss Addie B. Parsons, a young teacher. With one exception reading and spelling are the only studies taught. Not receiving due notice of the close of the term but one visit was made. Whole number of scholars, 4; average attendance, 4. Wages of teacher per month, \$16.

Fall term of six weeks, taught by Miss Lizzie M. Page, also an inexperienced teacher. Patient and systematic in her work she was the teacher for the place. The advancement of some was rapid. Pieces spoke at the close of the term were well prepared. Whole number of scholars, 4; average attendance, 4. Wages of teacher per month, \$16.

DISTRICT No 12.

Prudential Committee, Edwin S. Nelson. First term of eight weeks and second term of ten weeks, taught by Miss Cora B. Gale, one of our best and oldest teachers. All work in this school is

done systematically. One of the few schools in town in which reading is taught. Written examinations, map drawing, rhetorical and general exercises form a part of the regular work. No unfavorable criticism could be passed upon either the school or the teacher. Whole number of scholars for the first term, 8; second term, 9. Average attendance, first term, 8; second term, 9. Wages of teacher per month, \$19.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Prudential Committee, Miss Nellie Jones. One term of thirteen weeks, taught by Miss Susie A. Smith, a teacher of wide and varied experience in school work. A school of much interest and profit. Management in every respect based upon system. Text-books are used as guides simply. Music, rhetorical, practical and general questions are important features. The amount of collateral knowledge acquired by the scholars is astonishing. Whole number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 14. Wages of teacher per month, \$16.

DISTRICT No 14.

Prudential Committee, Harvey M. Conner. One term of ten weeks, taught by Miss May L. Brown. Miss Brown has had charge of this school before and it will be of advantage to the school to secure her services again. Apparently tireless in the school-room. Order maintained without restraint. The scholars were eager to study and eager to recite. Explanations and recitations clearly understood. The school as a whole, under Miss Brown's care have become good readers. Examination of the spelling blanks shows that spelling has not become one of the lost arts. Whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 14. Wages of teacher per month, \$14.

DISTRICT No. 15.

Prudential Committee, Alvah Foss. One term of twelve weeks, taught by Mrs. Etta M. Gilman. The teacher who first engaged this school gave it up on account of sickness. Although having given up teaching as a business Mrs. Gilman is fully up with the

times. So quietly and easily was the school managed that the idea of work was lost sight of. To the teacher and scholars their respective duties seemed pleasant. A good amount of work was accomplished and very thoroughly. Whole number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 13. Wages of teacher per month, \$16.

DISTRICT No. 16.

Prudential Committee, Chas. T. Weeks. Summer term of eight weeks and fall term of seven weeks, taught by Miss Olive E. Sanborn. Miss Sanborn possesses a superior education, this, with her natural qualifications and experience make her a successful teacher. In every respect the school was unsurpassed. Whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 10. Wages of teacher per month, \$15. \$16.40.

DISTRICT No. 17.

Prudential Committee, Nehemiah Pulsifer. One term of twelve weeks, taught by Miss Carrie M. Jones. This teacher had no previous experience, yet her school would do credit to an experienced teacher. Recitations and discipline could not be improved upon. General exercises pleasing and valuable. The district securing Miss Jones' services may be sure of a good school. Whole number of scholars, 5; average attendance, 4. Wages of teacher per month, \$16.

DISTRICT No. 18.

Prudential Committee, Danforth Cook. Both terms of ten weeks each, taught by Miss Laura A. Ayers. Since Miss Ayers began teaching in the town, she has been known as a successful instructor. The oversight of a school as large as this requires a large amount of care and labor, but the teacher was fully equal to requirements. Very seldom has it been the pleasure of the committee to witness examinations displaying so much interest, talent, and ability as was shown in this school. Excellent scholarship was seen in many instances, showing great advancement and a thorough knowledge of the branches pursued. The department ranked high throughout the terms. The wisdom of engaging the

same teacher for a succession of terms, was in this instance very apparent. Whole number of scholars, summer, 37; winter, 45; average attendance, summer, 32; winter, 42. Wages of teacher per month, summer, \$24; winter, \$28.

GENERAL REMARKS.

With one or two exceptions the schools for the year have been remarkably successful, reflecting credit upon both teachers and scholars. Discipline has been maintained by inspiring respect for the teachers, and by awakening a love for study. The quiet, orderly and polite conduct of the scholars in school and out has met with frequent praise. The committees were fortunate in the selection of teachers. In many districts the same teachers have been employed for two or more terms. No teacher is so well fitted to give satisfaction in any school as that one who has been successful in the same place during a previous term. There is, in the majority of districts, a lack of co-operation on the part of the parents. The best results can be gained only when parents lend their aid to the teachers. For the eight different text-books in arithmetic of the same grade, a uniform series has been exchanged. In the exercise of written spelling, out of an average of a thousand words, twenty scholars have not failed on one word; those scholars who have failed on but one or two, are numerous.

Allow me to return my thanks to the teachers, scholars, and people of the town for the courtesy and kindness invariably shown me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN G. MOORE, S. S. Committee.



